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April 17, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

25 April 17, 2012

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT GRANT PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 CALL FOR PROJECTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to adopt a resolution to commit up to a maximum of \$250,000 for the County of Los Angeles Local Match for the State of California Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2012-13 Bicycle Transportation Account Call for Projects grant applications.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt the Resolution to commit up to a maximum of \$250,000 representing the 10 percent minimum required local match contribution for grant applications submitted to the State of California Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2012-13 Bicycle Transportation Account Call for Projects to fund various bicycle projects included in the County of Los Angeles 2012 Bicycle Master Plan.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to commit the required local match contribution for the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' (Public Works) grant applications submitted to the State of California Department of Transportation for its Fiscal Year 2012-13 Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) Call for Projects. This action is an application requirement and is necessary for the County of Los Angeles (County) to submit applications under the BTA grant program.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). This action supports these goals by actively seeking grant funds to augment the County's existing financial resources and by enriching the lives of the residents of the County by enhancing their ability to utilize a bicycle as a viable means of transportation.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

Funding for projects awarded these BTA grant funds will be included in the applicable Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction Programs in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Road Fund and Proposition C Local Return Fund Budgets. The total cost of the projects to be submitted for consideration under the Fiscal Year 2012-13 BTA Call for Projects is currently estimated at \$2,500,000 and the 10 percent minimum required local match is \$250,000.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

BTA is an annual program providing State funds for city and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. In accordance with the Streets and Highways Code (SHC) Section 890-894.2, projects must be designed and developed to achieve the functional commuting needs and physical safety of all bicyclists. To be eligible for the BTA program, local agencies must first establish eligibility by preparing and adopting a bicycle transportation plan that complies with SHC Section 891.2. Only proposed bikeway facilities identified in the Plan are eligible for BTA funds.

On March 13, 2012, Agenda Item No. 29, your Board adopted the 2012 Bicycle Master Plan (Bicycle Plan), a subelement of the Transportation Element of the County of Los Angeles General Plan. The Bicycle Plan, which was prepared in accordance with SHC Section 891.2, recommends 831 miles of new bikeways throughout the County. Along with the existing and proposed bicycle network under County jurisdiction, the Bicycle Plan describes bicycle related programs that are essential facets of the overall bicycle system envisioned for the County, including education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation. The Bicycle Plan also includes design guidelines for bicycle treatments, funding options, and a phased implementation strategy for proposed bikeway facilities. The Bicycle Plan identifies the BTA as a potential funding source for implementation of projects included in the Bicycle Plan.

The BTA program requires grant applicants to include a resolution from the jurisdiction's governing body committing to a minimum required 10 percent local match contribution. The enclosed resolution has been prepared to conform to this requirement and has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On February 28, 2012, Agenda Item No. 7, your Board certified the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the County of Los Angeles 2012 Bicycle Master Plan. The Final Program EIR found that on the basis of the whole record before your Board the significant adverse effects of the project have been reduced to an acceptable level in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Acceptance of these grant funds will have no impact on current services.

Implementation of projects for bicycle improvements will increase bicycling as a viable transportation option and will improve the quality of life for residents in the County.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one original of the Resolution to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ALLOCATING UP TO A MAXIMUM \$250,000 LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT FOR
GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION
ACCOUNT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) is an annual program providing State funds for city and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2012, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles adopted the 2012 Bicycle Master Plan (Bicycle Plan) as a subelement of the Transportation Element of the County of Los Angeles General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Plan complies with the requirements of California Streets and Highways Code Section 891.2; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Plan recommends 831 miles of new bikeways throughout the County and implementation of the Plan is proposed to be in three phases over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, outside funding, such as grants, is necessary to implement all of the Bicycle Plan recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Streets and Highway Code Sections 890-894.2 provide for local agencies to submit an approved bicycle transportation plan to the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in connection with an application for BTA funds for bikeways and related facilities that will implement the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Streets and Highway Code Section 891.4 (b) provides that Caltrans may grant BTA funds on a matching basis with the applicant to furnish 10 percent of the total cost of constructing the proposed bikeways and related facilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles:

Approves the use of a maximum combined total of \$250,000 from the applicable Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction Programs in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 County Road Fund and Proposition C Local Return Fund Budgets for the local match associated with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' grant applications for the State of California Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2012-13 Bicycle Transportation Account Call for Projects to fund various bicycle projects included in the County of Los Angeles 2012 Bicycle Master Plan.

On the 17th day April, 2012, the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

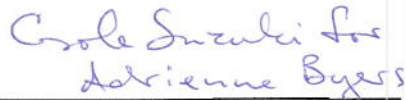


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Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
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By 
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI
Acting County Counsel

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